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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Donald Thompson, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Field Division; and Morris Jones, Chief, Petersburg Police Department, announced the conviction yesterday of Martin Williams, Trevor Mohammad, and Michael Grey, of Washington, DC and Maryland. After a one day bench trial, United States District Judge Richard Williams convicted the three of conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine hydrochloride.

The three men face a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 20 years, plus \$2,000,000.00 in fines. United States District Judge Richard L. Williams scheduled sentencing for May 15, 2003.

Shortly before November 6, 2002, a confidential informant called Trevor Mohammad, who had supplied him in the past, and requested two kilograms of cocaine powder. Mohammed told the informant that he would contact his sources in D.C. and New York and get back to him. Mohammed contacted his D.C. source, Michael Grey, who was in touch with Martin Williams, who in fact had a kilogram and a half for sale. On the morning of November 6 Mohammed told the informant that he would be coming to Petersburg, Virginia, that afternoon with the cocaine and it would cost him \$42,000.00. In the late evening, Mohammad, Grey, and Williams arrived in Petersburg to finalize the deal. The FBI and Petersburg Police arrested the defendants as they were preparing to exchange the money for the drugs.

The case was jointly investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Petersburg Police Department, and prosecuted for the United States by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Wallace, Sr.